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AS OF JULY 1: Our new address Now is 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748;

Phone: 352-728-6731; FAX: 352-326-2506

A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The 2005 "3rd Revised Ultimate History" is \$52 including P&H. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$42 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the first supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2006.

CONVENTION 2006: This is our 31st convention. Dates are Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site: http://www.fotr.net

CONVENTION 2005: 2005 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. A special 30th anniversary booklet was also printed with articles and pictures. Cost of this is also \$2.00 including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Also Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

SCRIPT CONTEST 2006

The 13th Annual FOTR scriptwriting contest is now open. This year we are looking for a warm (half-hour) family comedy (no small children, please – teenagers are OK). Create a new, original family (plus other characters if you like). Please limit the cast to 6 or 7 (minor parts can be doubled). The story should be set in the 30's, 40's, or 50's.

The usual format includes a short opening, middle and closing commercial – either for a product you create or one that existed in the days of OTR. The script must be ready to produce – typed in 10 point or larger typeface with all sound cues included.

The First Prize is \$200.00 and the show will be performed at the FOTR Convention in 2007. The second prizewinner will receive a prize of \$100.00 but the script will not be produced.

Scripts must be submitted by August 31, 2006. Send them to: Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Road, North Brunswick NJ 08902

Three experienced judges from our steering committee will pick the winning scripts. Suggestions for improvements will be sent to those who do not win. For a primer on the preferred page format send a SASE to Mr. Zwengler.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it... SPERDVAC Radiogram, May; article about Yesterday USA;-July; articles about John Milton Kennedy; Page Gilman, Vivian Smolen, Personal traits of screen stars when on radio;- RLL on the Air, March; articles about Ozzie Nelson and family; Origins of Little Orphan Annie; Meredith Willson:-June: article about Gangbusters; Return with us Now, June; article about Blondie; July; articles about Harry Bartell, Kate Smith, Tom Mix Ralston Straight-Shooters;-Aircheck, May; article about Feuds on radio;-Radiogram, June; articles about Frankie Thomas; Nathaniel Shilkret; Was it really that Long Ago?; Roy Winso;-Illustrated Press, June; articles about Bing Crosby; Radio Broadcast Admission Tickets;-Chattanooga Airwaves, May – June; articles about Authors getting ideas for books; The Black Museum;-Radio Recall, June; articles about brothers on radio; Cavalcade of America; building Jack Armstrong's airplane; Proquest for the OTR Researcher; Tokyo Rose; Tradition, May – June; article about Hank Thompson;-RCA Newsletter, June; article about Marx Brothers on radio; July; articles about Marx Brothers on Radio; Rin Tin Tin; The Jot em Down Journal, Summer; article about Rhoda Williams

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571;-Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 <Bearmanormedia.com>

From McFarland; Radio Series Scripts, 1930 – 2001: A Catalog of the American Radio Archives Collection; compiled by Jeanette Berard and Klaudia Englund; 2006; this is catalog of all the scripts housed at the Thousand's Oaks Library; more than 25,000 scripts are listed alphabetically;—Talbot Mundy, Philosopher of Adventure, by Brian Taves, 2006, 310 pages, \$39.95; chronicles the travels and writings of Mundy, one of the pioneers of the fantasy and adventure genre; did a lot of writing for radio.; 3 books from Scarecrow Press, 1-800-462-6420; <www.scarecrowpress.com>; Sittin' In with Chris Griffin by Warren Vache, 2005; \$35.00; authentic account of the "Age of Swing" with Chris Griffin, trumpet player; - American Radio Soap Operas by Jim Cox, 2005; \$70.00; this historical dictionary lists more than 500 entries of the soap operas and the stars; very thorough; Fats Waller on the Air, The Radio broadcasts and Discography by Stephen Taylor, 2006, \$60.00; a thorough look at all his radio programs and discography

CONVENTIONS:

31st Old-time Country and Bluegrass Contest and Festival, Aug 28 – Sep 3, 2006 at Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 bobbeverhart@yahoo.com

Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 14 - 17, 2006 at Four Points Sheraton, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com; For information call Michelle or Martin at 77-456-6208;

31st Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: http://www.fotr.net)

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to to get on the

mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: Lou Genco (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...Jim Widner <otr.com> (Radio Days) is celebrating its 10th year on the web...Chuck Schaden <nostalgiadigest.com>... BRC <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>.. ...Australian Film and Sound <Screensound.gov.au>...Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs) (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. OTR Digest <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...Jack Benny Fan Club <Jackbenny.org>...Radio Broadcast Chronicles <gna.net/tia>...Tom Heathwood <HeritageRadio.com>... First Generation Archives <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp...Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound <repsonline.org>...Terry Salomonson <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The OTR Club now has a web page at http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/> ...Doug Kosmonek ...new e-mail is <dougkosmonek@shaw.ca>...Radio Spirits <radiospirits.com>...The MWOTRC web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...Radio Memories (NEW) www.radiomemories.com...Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear) http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/...Bear Manor Media, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. http://www.bearmanormedia.com...RHAC web site is <a href="http://www.rhac.org...Radio Days is celebrating its 10th year on the web at http://www.otr.com...Ron Sayles (births, deaths) http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039...Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 < JHaendiges@aol.com>... Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...Radio Memories (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 < tedotr@sbcglobal.net> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com....Great American Radio (GAR) (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...Bequaert Old Books, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...AVPRO (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...Redmond Nostalgia Co. (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...SPERDVAC Library (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...John Barber, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>... Vintage Audio (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 < Thomasmartin 245@aol.com > Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) < Berney@fred.net>...BRC Productions (Bob Again Radio (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...Audio Classics Archive (**Terry Salomonson**), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audioclassic.com>...Lodestone (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 < lodestone-media.com > (Deals in New Audio Theater... Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...Dan Riedstra, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... Max Schmid, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>...Henry Hinkel, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com>...Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com>...Heritage Radio Classics; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>...

All listings below list sampling of shows. AVPRO; summer 2006; Halls of Ivy; March of Timel Let's Pretend;-BRC Productions; 2006 supplement 2; Orson Welles programs; Unit 99

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Bruce Queen, 334 Harris Ln., Bartonville, IL 61607

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<u>OLD FRIENDS</u>: Bill Anthony, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 is looking for a film on video (Who Killed Aunt Maggie) with John Hubbard and Elizabeth Patterson

IN FOND MEMORY: Page Gilman, June 1, 88; (One Man's Family)...Arthur Franz, June 19, 86; actor (radio)...John Milton Kennedy, Jun 11, 93; Announcer on Lux Radio Theater; Vivian Smolen, Actress (Our Gal Sunday; Stella Dallas); Helen B Ward, Jun 28, 95; ear;y Baltimore radio talk show host; Eileen Barton, Jun 27, 76; singer (many radio shows including Rudy Vallee and Frank Sinatra); Jan Murray, Jul 2, 88; Host (Songs for Sale)...June Allyson, Jul 8, 88; actress; many syndicated radio shows; (Smilin') Jack Smith, Jul 3, 92; singer on radio; host of TV show "You Asked for It."; Red Buttons, Jul 13, 87; Comedian, actor (Guest Star, Friars Roasts); - Mickey Spillane, Jul 17, 88; author (Mike Hammer); - Marian McManus, Jun 26, 97; singer on Manhattan Merry-go-round from 1941 – 1949;

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; Phone: 352-728-6731; FAX: 352-326-2506 e-mail: JayHick@aol.com

Web site: http://www.old-time.com/sponsors/hickerson.html

FOTR Web site: http://www.fotr.net

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THE 2006 MID-ATLANTIC NOSTALGIA CONVENTION



The Fly
Two Bond Films
As the World Turns
Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

ABERDEEN, MARYLAND September 14 - 17, 2006

AMOS n' ANDY RADIO SHOW Watch a live performance on

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BARRY MORSE

The Fugitive Space: 1999 The Twilight Zone



MARK GODDARD

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CONRAD BROOKS

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ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW

(Sat. 9 - 3)

Check out the antique cars from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, fully restored!

A huge display will be available, including the men and women who spent the man hours restoring them!



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Creator of the classic Underdog and Tennessee Tuxedo cartoons!

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Hot Rod Flicks of the 1950s! Beach Party Movies of the 1960s!
Midnight Horror Movies! Vintage Cartoons!
How about the first silent werewolf movie ever made?
The unaired TV pilot of Blazing Saddles?
Rare films you won't see elsewhere and a few classics!

HOTELS

The Clarion (where the convention is being held) 410-273-6300

Red Roof Inn (next door to the Sheraton) 410-273-7800
Super 8 Motel (across the street) 410-272-5420
Days Inn (across the street) 410-272-8500
Travelodge Hotel (across the street) 410-272-5500
Quality Inn (across the street) 410-272-6000
Holiday Inn (across the street) 410-272-8100 (expensive)

Remember if you are coming by yourself, and want to cut the cost of a hotel or motel room in half by sharing with someone else, contact us and we'll hook you up!

FREE GIFTS!

Pre-pay your admission before July 1 and get a free movie poster and DVD! (Gifts will not be mailed, they will be given at the table when you arrive.)

ADMISSION INFORMATION

PRE-PAY BEFORE JULY 1
Weekend Admission \$35.00
Daily Admission (max 2 days) \$10.00
Children under 10 are free!
Men or women presently in service can supply their military ID card and attend for free!

AFTER JULY 1 (also at the door)
Weekend Admission \$45.00
Daily Admission (max 2 days) \$15.00

DINNER BANQUET

\$30.00 per person for Sunday night dinner banquet which includes an all-you-can eat buffet, awards, a 1920s vaudeville stage performance, and a radio recreation!

Questions? Call 717-456-6208 . . . Michelle or Martin

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW!

Vintage automobiles, the kind of hot rods your grandparents took for granted and had speeding contests in the streets! Restored and on display! (Saturday 9 - 3, Sunday rain date)

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

From East
Tape Route 40 to Route 22E and continue 3 miles
to Beards Hill Road. Turn right.
Then turn left behind McDonalds.
Follow to the end of the road.

From North
Take Interstae 92 South to Exit 85 (Aberdeen).
Turn left on Route 22.
At the second light, turn left.
Then turn left behind McDonalds.
Follow to the end of the road.

From West
Take Route 40 East to Route 22 East.
Continue 3 miles to Beards Hill Road.
Turn Right. Then turn left behind McDonalds.
Follow to the end of the road.

From South
Take I-95 North to Exit 85 (Aberdeen).
Turn onto Route 22. At the first light turn left.
Then turn left behind McDonalds.
Follow to the end of the road.

(It is far easier to get there by staying on I-95 and getting off at exit 85 cause it's the easiest way! Be sure to use Map Quest or call us in advance!)

Martin Grams, Po Box 189, Delta, PA 17314

CHECK OUT THE WEB-SITE FOR A COMPLETE, UP-TO-DATE LISTING OF EVENTS AND SCHEDULES AND ADDED GUESTS!

www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com

* Events and guests are subject to change at any time.



Celebrate **NBC's 80th Anniversary** at the 3lst Friends of Old-Time Radio Annual Convention (Featuring Eddie Cantor) October 19-22, 2006 Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast, Midwest and Southern Guests

Don Ciccone - (singer, composer); singer with the Critters and then the Four Seasons in the 1970's

Robert Easton - Radio Actor (Gunsmoke)

Sonny Fox – TV Host; Candid Microphone on Radio

David Noel Freedman - son of radio writer (Eddie Cantor) David Freedman

Chuck McCann - Comedian, actor

Jayne Meadows - Actress, widow of Steve Allen

Shirley Mitchell – The Great Gildersleeve

Kevin O'Morrison - Charlie Wild

Rick Rogers – Impressionist, singer (Eddie Cantor)

Beverly Washburn - Jack Benny; (TV) Star Trek

New East Coast Guests

Bill Britten - TV host

Alan Colmes - Radio talk show host

Alec Cumming - Ghost writer for NBC 75th anniversary Book

Barry Farber - Radio talk show host

Celeste Holm - Academy Award winning actress,

Broadway - Oklahoma

Peggy King – Singer, Broadway, Television Malachy McCourt – Movies, TV, radio talk show host

Dick Monda - Singer, actor (Eddie Cantor as boy in E C Story)

Leslie Shreve - Actor, Activist; television, Movies, voiceovers

Allen Swift - Singer, writer. actor; host of the Popeye Show on television

Nan Warren - Let's Pretend, Eddie Cantor

John Zacherle - Talk show host

Returnees

Arthur Anderson - Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater

George Ansbro - (Announcer) ABC

Don Buka - Let's Pretend

Cliff Carpenter - County Seat, Terry and the Pirates

Larry Conroy - Voiceover Coach; Count of Monte Cristo

Jeff David - Theater 5; (TV) Robot on Buck Rogers

Joe Franklin - Joe Franklin Show in New York

Michael Gwynne - Drummer, DJ, actor (Movie) Payday, many

Pat Hosley - A Brighter Day

Will Hutchins - (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot

Elaine Hyman - The Lone Ranger

Simon Jones - British Actor (TV) Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Ruth Last - Let's Pretend, Quiet Please

Corinne Orr - Theater Five; (TV) Voices for Speed Racer; Trixie and Spritle

Bill Owen - (Announcer for ABC)

Bobby Ramsen - Comedian

Rosemary Rice - Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend

Larry Robinson - Let's Pretend

Jean Rouverol - One Man's Family

Soupy Sales - TV personality

Margot Stevenson - The Shadow

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention. Any are subject to change.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am - 5:30 pm

A Reading (Tom Powers)

The Packard Hour (Gregg Oppenheimer)

One on One with Cliff Carpenter (A Anderson)

Noel Freedman and Eddie Cantor (Brian Gari)

Authors Panel with Gerald Eskarsey, Brian Gari, others

Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00

The winning original drama of 2005 (Curse of the Banshee) written

by Charles Russell) Dir. by A. Anderson

Re-creation to be decided; Dir by B Nadel

Those Were the Days Radio Players; Chicago present Ellery Queen

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Children on Radio and Television; G Downes and guests

Jack French presents

Sports on Radio (Ken Stockinger)

OTR Quiz (F Berney)

Edward R Murrow: The Radio Years (G Yoggy)

History of NBC; (Michael Biel with guests: Michael Shoshani, Alec

Radio Comedians with Derek Tague, M L Wallace; with Soupy Sales, Larry Storch, Bobby Ramsen, Shirley Mitchell,

(Re-creation) The Gotham Players present directed and produced by

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Gregg Oppenheimer directs "My Favorite Husband" with Shirley Mitchell, Corinne Orr, Donald Buka, Michael Gwynne, Elaine Hyman, Bill Owen

(Re-creation) Gary Yoggy directs "I Remember Mama" - A Song of Love; with Rosemary Rice, others

(Re-creation) Gunsmoke; dir by A Tollin

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Humorous Look at Dragnet (Michael Hayde, Derek Tague) Norman Corwin Panel; (Dave Zwengler, Randy Larson, others) One on One with Jayne Meadows and Celeste Holm (Brian Gari) Candid Microphone; with Sonny Fox

(Re-creation) original presentation by the Dave Warren Players "Duffy's Tavern"

The Joe Franklin Show with special Guests including Alan Colmes, Barry Farber, Malachy McCourt, John Zacherle, Dick Monda Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 10th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); guests include Don Ciccone, Peggy King

(Re-creation) the Eddie Cantor Show with Rick Rogers, Dick Monda Nan Warren(Gary Yoggy)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. (Re-creation) Mercury Theater - Julius Caesar (Dir. by A Anderson) Don Ramlow directs Suspense with Robert Easton Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked Frontage Road after toll booth. DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right. From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked Frontage Road. Follow to hotel. From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (Frontage Road)
From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to Frontage Road.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

- Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.
- Thursday, October 19; Daytime only (9 am 5 pm); \$20 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door
- Thursday, October 19; Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 am closing) 47.00.
- Friday, October 20: Daytime only (9 am 5:30 pm) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.
- **Friday, October 20: Daytime and evening** including buffet dinner (9 a.m. closing) **\$59.00**. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 62 and under 16.
- Saturday, October 21: Daytime only (9 a.m. 5:00 p.m.) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.
- Saturday, October 21: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. 10:30 p.m.) \$65.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 62 and under 16.
- Sunday, October 22: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$20
- Complimentary coffee and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.
- Dealer's Tables are \$85 for first table; \$75 for others by same dealer <u>Details on special sheet.</u>
- Hotel: Rooms are \$99.99 plus parking (\$15 a day), no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. All rooms should be reserved on the web site: ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329); Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson; send to Jay Hickerson to address below.

Mail to Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; 352-728-6731; E-mail (Jayhick@aol.com)

On the Web at: www.fotr.net

31st Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 19 - 22, 2006

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations MUST be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and save money. Preregistration for the day only is \$20 if mailed in advance and \$25 if paid at the door for each day. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is \$25 for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is \$176 instead of \$191 (\$166 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is \$157 instead of \$171 (\$147 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is \$134 instead of \$144 (\$124 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your e-mail address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.

Rooms and Parking

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329) OR the web site. Cost of the rooms is \$99.99 a day plus daily parking fee of \$15, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. A deposit might be required (by credit card). If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by September 25th. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. If you do not get that rate or better with the 800 number, call the Holiday Inn directly at 973-589-1000 and ask for Louise's office.

Cost for daytime guests is \$1.00 a car **UNLESS** at least one person in the group buys food in the restaurant or bar; then there is no charge.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night might be less. There is shuttle service. Call the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate. There may still be a parking fee if done this way. I know using Travelocity, the room is \$90 as of the 25th.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and will be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. All those who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations must be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 30th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 31st annual convention. Deadline for ads is October 1st.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee; Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will be \$85 for the first table and \$75 for any others. All details on a special sheet. Daytime registration fees for dealers will be eliminated. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There is NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.